

before setting models that, if they have any effect, will tend to confirm some illiterate usages and establish others quite new. Whatever may be said of generic names, which often, as in the case of the American pronunciation of *Coprínus*, permanently escape from the control of the laws of quantity, there will never be but one correct way to spell and to accent specific names when they are formed by Latin adjectives. In spite of Miss Marshall, then, and those whose usage she records, it is incorrect to say *rádicans*, *calópus*, *édulis*, *velútinus*, *próccera*, *caesaréa*, and *albídum*, just as truly it is incorrect to write *velutipas* or *cretaceous*. This sort of thing becomes ludicrous when for *Fávolus alveolaris* (the original spelling) is recommended *Favóbus areolaris*.

The best thing about the book is the series of plates, around which the text is built. They are from the work of Mr. J. A. and Miss H. C. Anderson, whose colored photographs have been much admired. Only a few of these (*Armillaria mellea*, *Clavaria formosa*, *Boletinus pictus*, *Calostoma cinnabarinum*, for instance) fail to do justice to the plants. The rest are admirable. It is a noteworthy performance to have the three species of *Calostoma*, so long disputed, clearly differentiated on one plate. Yet the plates have been badly handled. They are not numbered, and some species are far removed from the places where they occur in the text.

It would be pleasant to find less to say in condemnation of a work like "The Mushroom Book." Its publishers are pushing it hard as the best book on the market. It is said to be selling well, and there is reason to fear that it is.

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TWO ADDITIONS TO THE FLORA OF CONNECTICUT.—Last summer the writer found, in Hartford, the following plants which do not appear to have been previously reported as occurring in Connecticut :

*Scleria pauciflora* Muhl. A patch about a rod square on Kenney Park, Hartford, in dry sandy land sloping to the south.

*Panicum sphaerocarpon* Ell. In several places in Hartford, always in dry land. Appears to be quite common.—HANS J. KOEHLER, Hartford, Connecticut.

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BOTRYCHIUM MATRICARIAEFOLIUM ON MT. TOBY, MASSACHUSETTS.—In Mrs. Owen's interesting account of the ferns of Mt. Toby in the March number of RHODORA, it is stated that *Botrychium matri-*